

## THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A ~~liquid filter apparatus, such as a~~ cooking oil and/or fat filter apparatus, the apparatus comprising:  
a filter means; and  
a cup for receiving matter from a liquid being filtered, in use, and wherein the filter means and the cup are formed by a single cup and filter body, and the cup comprises at least one annular cup means.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A ~~liquid~~ filter apparatus as claimed in claim [[5]] 4, wherein the filter means and cup are integrally formed in a single filter body.

7. (currently amended) A ~~liquid~~ filter apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cup and filter body comprises a sheet form member optionally including pleats.

8. (currently amended) A ~~liquid~~ filter apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sheet form member is made from a material having filtering properties.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A ~~liquid~~ filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cup comprises a plurality of cup means.

1 11. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cup  
2 comprises a plurality of substantially concentric annular cup means.

1 12. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter  
2 means is made from a cellulose fabric.

1 13. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter  
2 means is made from polyester.

1 14. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein a suction  
2 side surface of the cup comprises an annular receiving space.

1 15. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising  
2 filter support means.

1 16. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means comprises a substantially rigid body having an inner surface which at least in part  
3 closely fits with a discharge side surface of the filter means.

1 17. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means comprises at least one annular portion.

1 18. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the filter  
2 support means comprises a plurality of substantially concentric annular portions.

1 19. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means is manufactured from a high temperature resistant material which is suitable for  
3 use with food products.

1 20. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising  
2 inlet means for delivery of unfiltered liquid to the filter means, and outlet means for removal of  
3 filtered liquid from the filter means.

1 21. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the inlet  
2 means is above the filter means, when in situ, and the outlet means is below the filter means.

1 22. (currently amended) A liquid apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the inlet means  
2 is above the filter means, when in situ, and the outlet means is above the filter means.

1 23. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cup and  
2 filter body have a side cross-section in the shape of a "W".

1 24. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the filter  
2 means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "V".

1 25. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body has a side cross-section in the shape of a plurality of "V"s.

1 26. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body has a side cross-section in the shape of at least four "V"s.

1 27. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "W".

1 28. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a "V".

1 29. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filter  
2 support means has a side cross-section in the shape of a plurality of "V"s.

1 30. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body comprises a first frusto-conical portion and a second frusto-conical portion,  
3 the first frusto-conical portion being provided within the second frusto-conical portion, the  
4 second frusto-conical portion being inverted relative to the first frusto-conical portion, a narrow  
5 end of the first frusto-conical portion being joined with a wide end of the second frusto-conical  
6 portion.

1 31. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body comprises first, second, third and fourth frusto-conical portions, the frusto-  
3 conical portions being provided one within the other, the second and fourth frusto-conical  
4 portions being inverted relative to the first and third frusto-conical portions, one end of one  
5 frusto-conical portion being joined with an adjacent end of an adjacent frusto-conical portion.

1 32. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body is substantially symmetrical about every plane extending through a central  
3 axis thereof.

1 33. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body is in the form of a cone.

1 34. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the single  
2 cup and filter body is in the form of a cone has been partially inverted to define a "W" cross-  
3 sectional shape, such that a single annular cup is provided.

35. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the cone is partially inverted such that a lower edge of the cone, is aligned with an upper edge thereof.

36. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the filter support means provides means to transport filtered liquid from a discharge side of the filter means to the outlet means.

37. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein the transport means comprises a plurality of apertures in the filter support means.

38. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 36, wherein the transport means comprises a plurality of channels provided or formed on a surface of the filter support means.

39. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising means for detachably attaching the filter means thereto.

40. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein the detachable attachment means comprises means for releasably connecting the filter support means to the inlet means and outlet means.

41. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connection means comprises a quick release coupling.

42. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 41, wherein the inlet means includes a rotary coupling.

- 1 43. (currently amended) A liquid filter apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the outlet  
2 means includes a further rotary coupling.
- 1 44. (currently amended) A filter ~~device or apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein, in use,  
2 a seal is formed between ~~[[a]]~~ the filter means and ~~[[a]]~~ the filter means support by a liquid  
3 cooking oil and/or cooking fat being filtered.
- 1 45. (canceled)
- 1 46. (currently amended) A cup and filter body ~~means or cup~~ for use in a filter cooking oil  
2 and/or cooking fat filter apparatus according to claim 4.
- 1 47. (canceled)
- 1 48. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, the apparatus  
2 comprising a filter cooking oil and/or cooking fat apparatus according to claim 4.
- 1 49. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, as claimed in claim 48,  
2 comprising a commercial cooking apparatus adapted for use in a food outlet, restaurant or other  
3 food retail premises.
- 1 50. (currently amended) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus, as claimed in claim 48,  
2 adapted for use in a factory or other commercial food preparation premises.
- 1 51. (previously presented) An apparatus, such as a cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 48,  
2 comprising a frying machine or deep fat/oil fryer.

1 52. (new) A filter apparatus as claimed in claim 44, wherein the at least one seal is provided  
2 by virtue of the cooking oil and/or cooking fat adhering to the at least one of the filter support  
3 means and/or filter means so as to provide the at least one seal through viscous tension.

1 53. (new) A filter apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein an upper end of the filter means  
2 forms a seal with an internal surface provided at an upper end of the filter support means, the  
3 upper end of the filter means and the upper end of the filter support means being flared out.